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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide employment to country's surplus manpower after providing skill development training;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a possibility of more white collar jobs than blue collar jobs for the Indian workers going abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds earmarked/sanctioned for providing skill development training to such workers?

Answer

(a) to (d) Government envisages making India a global hub of skilled manpower to cater to domestic as well as overseas demand for skilled manpower. The Government has taken a number of initiatives for putting in place a vibrant skill ecosystem in the country which are at Annexure-I. At present, over 40 skill development schemes/programmes are being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments for social and economic growth of the nation. A number of schemes/programmes including Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) are aligned to national flagship programmes namely Make in India, Swatch Bharat, Digital India, National Solar Mission etc. At the same time, temporal demographic dividend in the form of surplus manpower provides a unique opportunity to India to meet the skilled manpower needs of the world as well. This also opens another vista of job opportunities to Indian youths.

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) which would provide requisite skill training and certification to youth looking for overseas job opportunities across various sectors as per global standards. MEA would provide Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) relating to knowledge of the local culture, language, work ethics and other soft skills relevant to the country in which they obtain a job. In the long run, due to ageing population across many countries of the world, India would be in a position to provide required skilled work force.

Further, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under the "Skill India" Mission is setting up India International Skill Centre (IISC) to provide skill trainings and certification benchmarked to International Standards. The India International Skill Centers are being set up through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and shall be implementing the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) to youth seeking global mobility for jobs. So far, 16 India International Skill Centers were launched during 2016-17 which will provide skill development training across eight sectors Domestic Workers, Retail, Tourism & Hospitality, Capital Goods, Healthcare, Construction, Automotive and Security.

Annexure-I

Initiatives taken by the Government for creating a vibrant skill ecosystem in the country

(a) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 provides an umbrella framework to all skilling activities including skill development scheme / programme being carried out within the country.

(b) National Skill Development Mission has been launched to converge, coordinate, implement and monitor skilling activities on a pan-India basis;

(c) Common Norms for all skill development programmes across Central Ministries/Departments have been notified to give a common framework for skill development schemes/programmes.

(d) National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) seeks to organize qualifications according to series of level of knowledge, skills and aptitude.

(e) Strategic partnerships have been undertaken between MSDE and other Ministries/Departments in the Central Government, to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in specific sectors and leveraging existing infrastructure.

(f) MSDE has signed MoUs with a number of countries including Germany, UK, China, Australia etc to scale up apprenticeships support, training of trainees, curriculum development, ensure benchmarking of standards and create Centres of Excellence in skill training across the country.

(g) PMKVY launched for one year (2015-16) has been extended for four years to train one crore persons.